

**JOINT RULES RESOLUTION ON THE  
SELECTION OF ETHICS COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS**

2010 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution amends procedures for the appointment of the House Ethics Committee.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ amends the Joint Rules to change the procedures for appointing members of the House Ethics Committee;
- ▶ provides that four committee members be chosen by the Speaker of the House from eight nominees submitted by the House Minority Leader, and that four be chosen by the reverse process;
- ▶ provides that the committee select the committee chair from the majority party and the co-chair from the minority party; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Special Clauses:**

None

**Legislative Rules Affected:**

AMENDS:

**JR6-2-101**

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. **JR6-2-101** is amended to read:

**JR6-2-101. Ethics Committees -- Membership -- Jurisdiction.**

- (1) There is established a Senate Ethics Committee and a House Ethics Committee.
- (2) The Senate Ethics Committee shall be composed of:
  - (a) the chair and three additional members appointed by the President of the Senate;

and

(b) the cochair and three additional members appointed by the Senate minority leader.

(3) (a) The House Ethics Committee shall be composed of ~~of~~ eight members selected as provided under Subsection (3)(b).

~~[(a) the chair and three additional members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and]~~

~~[(b) the cochair and three additional members appointed by the House minority leader.]~~

(b) (i) (A) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the majority caucus, shall nominate eight members and submit the names to the House minority leader.

(B) The House minority leader, in consultation with the minority caucus, shall select four members, from those nominated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to serve on the committee.

(ii) (A) The House minority leader, in consultation with the minority caucus, shall nominate eight members and submit the names to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the majority caucus, shall select four members, from those nominated by the House minority leader, to serve on the committee.

(iii) If a vacancy occurs on the House Ethics Committee for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment, except that the replacement member shall be chosen from three submitted nominees, rather than eight.

(c) After the committee is constituted, the Speaker of the House and the House minority leader shall schedule a public meeting of the committee, and at that meeting:

(i) the committee members in the minority party shall designate a chair from members of the committee in the majority party; and

(ii) the committee members in the majority party shall designate a co-chair from members of the committee in the minority party.

(4) Members of the ~~committees~~ Senate and House Ethics Committees shall serve two-year terms.

(5) If a complaint is filed against any member of the respective ethics committees, the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall appoint another member of the Senate

63 or House to serve in that member's place while the complaint is under review.

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